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### **Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Announces Grant Award**

HOMER, AK - Kachemak Bay Research Reserve staff recently received news of a grant award from the National Estuarine Research Reserve's Science Collaborative at the University of New Hampshire. This fall, the Reserve, State, and local partners will begin to assess coastal uplift and habitat changes as a result of melting glaciers. The 3-year, \$915,000 grant will fund local researchers, educators, and coastal decision-makers.

Research funded through the grant will contribute to understanding uplift and its relevance to coastal communities for planning, zoning, maintaining harbors and infrastructure, identifying coastal hazards, and managing subsistence foods within Kachemak Bay.

Data from this research will be used to help local communities and regional governments make informed decisions about their coastal resources resulting from coastal uplift.

According to Angela Doroff, Research Coordinator at the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve, the competition for this grant was intense. "We are extremely pleased to have received this grant," said Doroff. "Competition for grant money such as this is at a very high level. Our success speaks to the team we have put together." Partners in this grant include the University of Alaska – Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula Borough, City of Homer, Seldovia Village Tribe, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Community Council, NOAA – Kasitsna Bay Laboratory, and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. Designated in 1999, the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve is a unit of the National Estuarine Research Reserve system. One of 27 reserves nationally, the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve is the only reserve in Alaska, and is housed within the Alaska Department of Fish and Game – Sport Fish Division in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Reserve's mission is to conduct ecosystem-based research and to provide outreach of current research findings to foster a life-long appreciation and understanding of the coastal environment for people of all ages.

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